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Bobcats

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A: California Fish and Game Code (FGC), section 4158 tasks CDFW with developing a bobcat management plan to inform and coordinate management decisions regarding

bobcat populations. The bobcat management plan, due in 2025 to the State Legislature and California Fish and Game Commission, shall use credible science and utilize an ecosystem-based approach to complete five goals which can be summarized as follows:

A statewide bobcat population estimate.

An assessment of the overall health of the statewide bobcat population.

A comprehensive strategy to manage bobcat populations and their habitat.

An investigation of nonlethal solutions to prevent bobcat predation on livestock.

Recommendations for regulatory or statutory changes to implement the bobcat

management plan.

For more information about bobcat management, check out CDFW's Science Spotlight article and Featured Scientist Interview on statewide bobcat research.

Trout Facts

Q: How do trout camouflage themselves from predators?

A: When trout hatch, they have a transparent appearance that reduces their visibility to predators. As trout continue to develop, pigmented cells in the skin called chromatophores help form spotted patterns and marks which allow the fish to camouflage themselves in their natural habitat. Some of these cells have reflective qualities that also lighten or darken to help the fish blend in with their surroundings.

Countershading is another camouflage adaptation that helps reduce predation. Trout have darker, spotted backs to blend

in with the substrate and avoid predators from above, while

lighter undersides help them avoid predators from beneath by blending in with the light from above.

For more fun fish facts, visit CDFW's Classroom Aquarium Education Program webpage.

Outdoor California

Q: A friend showed me a copy of a magazine put out by CDFW. It included some amazing wildlife photography, which I think was part of a contest. Can the public subscribe to that magazine?

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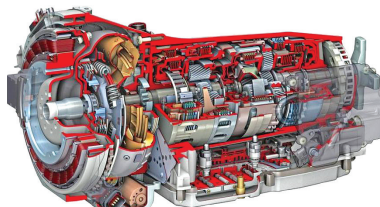
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California Outdoors Q&A

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The Wildlife Photograph of the Year Contest is presented in conjunction with California Watchable Wildlife and is sponsored by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Entries are accepted year-round, with winners announced in each magazine beginning in the March/April issue. Rules for the contest can be found on the Watchable Wildlife website, cawatchablewildlife.org. Outdoor California and California Watchable Wildlife first sponsored the contest in 2011 as a way to acknowledge photographs that illustrate the diverse wildlife and the viewing experiences found throughout the state's natural and

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In its effort to reduce the department's carbon footprint that started back in 2010, CDFW has transitioned away from publishing outreach materials for the public in favor of electronic and digital delivery formats. Outdoor California is one of the last publications to begin that transition, and CDFW's executive team is working with the editor to bring the magazine into the digital world by 2024. ♦

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(STATEPOINT) With car supplies still not meeting today's demand, experts believe that prices are going to remain elevated on both new and used cars for the foreseeable future.

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"Staying up-to-date on car maintenance is not only good for your wallet, it's safer for you, your passengers, and everyone else on the road. However, those with used cars should be particularly proactive about car care," says James "Ty" Goodin, director of service operations at Byrider, the nation's largest used car and finance network of dealerships.

According to industry projections, used cars still represent the majority of annual car sales, and market share is

only expected to grow, so if you're driving a previously owned vehicle, you're in good company. You also have some support. In time for April, which is National Car Care Month, the experts at Byrider are offering the following tips to help you keep your used car on the road longer:

- Pay attention to any unusual noises, odors or other warning signs that your vehicle needs maintenance. Brush up on what each symbol means on your dashboard and never ignore a warning light. This is your car communicating an issue that needs to be addressed.

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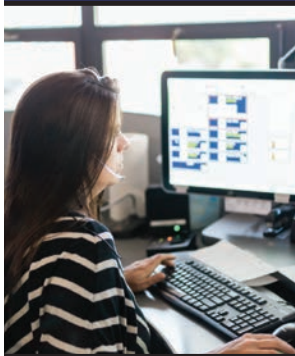
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4 Tips for Preparing Your Home to Sell in Today's Market

(STATEPOINT) In the current market, houses are selling fast — meaning there's typically no need to spend time and money on large home repairs and renovations to get an offer. Instead, homeowners should focus on quick, easy DIY projects to give their space a facelift before listing — here's how.

1. Enhance Curb Appeal. "The exterior of your home sets the tone for what buyers can expect inside," says Lindsey Mahoney, DIYer behind Building Bluebird and licensed realtor with Rigali Group at Danberry. "If a buyer pulls up to a house where the outside is in disrepair, it sets off red flags that the home may have hidden issues from neglect."

The simplest way to enhance your home's curb appeal is to maintain the yard, regardless of the season or weather.

Depending on the climate, homeowners should consider cutting the grass, planting flowers and greenery, raking leaves, watering the grass and flowers, or removing snow and ice.

If the home's exterior is in need of a little more TLC, consider adding a pop of color to the front door with a fresh coat of paint, installing unique shutters for visual interest or updating to a new mailbox. Pull it all together with a seasonal wreath or welcome mat.

2. Paint As Needed. Moving into the interior, spruce things up by refreshing walls with new paint. Rather than redoing every room, focus on painting over bright, bold colors with a neutral palette more likely to appeal to the masses.

To get started, tape off the room

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with FrogTape Multi-Surface Painting Tape. The tape is made with PaintBlock Technology, a super-absorbent polymer that instantly gels to form a micro-barrier that seals the edges of the tape. This will prevent bleed and leave the walls with crisp, clean lines that won't need touch-ups.

3. Make Minor Repairs. As you're gearing up to sell, pay close attention to minor things that may need to be updated or repaired. For example, leaky faucets, loose cabinet handles or doors that stick are all minor fixes — but ignoring them could leave potential buyers assuming that there are larger problems within the home. Do a careful walk-through before listing to look for any small fixes that need to be made.

4. Declutter and Clean. A messy house is a major turnoff for potential buyers, so prioritize decluttering and cleaning. Start by eliminating as many personal items as possible, including toiletries, kids' items and personal décor like family photos, fan memorabilia and religious and political objects. It's also important to spruce up the appearance of beds, couch pillows and counters in the kitchen and bathrooms.

"If you have a small closet and your clothes are jammed into it, take out half so it looks like there is room to add more," Mahoney recommends. "You don't want your buyer's first thought to be that they won't be able to fit their belongings in the bedroom closet."

Once things are organized, each room should receive a deep clean, including wiping surfaces, floors and baseboards, as well as cleaning any appliances, sinks, toilets and showers. As the open house approaches, open doors and windows for fresh air and natural light, leaving the home looking and smelling pleasant for potential buyers.

If you prioritize the right projects, preparing to sell is painless. By taking these four simple steps, your home will be in its best shape to hit the market — and maximize your potential profit. ♦

How to Make an Impact This Global Volunteer Month

(STATEPOINT) If you're like many people right now, you're feeling a particular sense of urgency to roll up your sleeves and be a force for good.

"When we face difficult times, as we have during the pandemic and now with the war in Ukraine, we also see the best of humanity and it's natural for people to want to help," says Natalye Paquin, president and CEO of Points of Light, a nonpartisan, global nonprofit organization that inspires, equips and mobilizes millions of people to take action that changes the world. "During times of uncertainty, one thing we can be certain of is that the most powerful force of change is one person making a positive difference."

That's why this April, which is Global Volunteer Month, Points of Light is leading a joint effort with Phillips 66 and The UPS Foundation to activate individuals, nonprofits and corporate partners to recognize individual action and inspire more people to volunteer in their communities.

"Throughout the pandemic and in recent months, we've seen powerful stories of everyday citizens rising to the occasion to support their local communities and those abroad," says Paquin.

Getting Inspired

Volunteers can come from all backgrounds, be of all ages and help in countless ways. Let these amazing stories behind Points of Light's Daily Point of Light Award honorees inspire you to action:

- 17-year-old Henry Morse of New



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Orleans helps run CultureAid Nola. "We are a no barrier, no stigma food distribution center that helps feed over 600 families a week." Morse arrives at the center every Saturday at 5:30 a.m. and leads volunteers in packing and handing out food to members of his community. "I got involved in March 2020. It grew into something that I am extremely passionate about," says Morse.

- After a 30-year Navy career, William Hicks now volunteers in the AARP Tax-Aide program. In addition to personally preparing tax returns for senior and low-income individuals pro bono, he serves as training coordinator for the state of Maryland, leading efforts to train and certify tax preparation volunteers.

- "A small drop in the ocean can make a big difference in the world," says fourth grader Rayansh Boddu, who joined Recycle My Battery as a vice president and recruited more kids to spread the word. He's also actively working on Smart Can, which will use AI technology to sort materials needed for recycling in trash. He's placed over 20 battery bins in different locations and collected more than 25,000 batteries for recycling so far.

Getting Started

Motivation among Americans is high. In a recent Points of Light survey, a third of respondents said they plan to volunteer more than they did before the pandemic. But figuring out where and how to make an impact is not always straightforward and online resources can help. Points of Light Engage is the world's largest digital hub for in-person and virtual volunteering and community engagement opportunities. There are also 177 innovative volunteer-mobilizing organizations in 37 countries that are a part of the Points of Light Global Network. They provide real-time information on pressing community needs. You can find these by visiting pointsoflight.org/gvm. The site also offers tips for safely volunteering, along with inspiration for alternative means of getting involved through Points of Light's Civic Circle, such as using your purchasing power, lending your voice to a cause or urging your employer to action.

"We hope you'll take the time this month to look for volunteer opportunities and to thank a volunteer in your life," says Paquin. "Every action, no matter how small, can have an impact and change a life." ♦



Bugbane's white spires of flowers will provide some height to the shady areas in the landscape. Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

Creating a Garden in the Shade

by Melinda Myers

DON'T LET LIMITED sunlight stop you from growing a beautiful garden. Make the most of shady locations with proper plant selection and design strategies.

Start the season with native spring ephemerals like hepatica, spring beauties and trout lilies. These plants grow and flower early in the season before the trees leaf out, shading the area. They die back soon after flowering as shade tolerant plants fill the garden. Look for those native to your region.

Select bright and lime green foliage plants that stand out in the shady corners of your landscape. Combine them with your favorite dark leafed and flowered plants that tend to disappear in the shade. The contrasting colors help both plants pop.

Use plants with variegated foliage to light up the garden long after their flowers fade. Siberian bugloss (*Brunnera*) has blue forget-me-not-like flowers in spring and variegated heart shaped leaves.

Variegated Solomon Seal's upright stems covered with green leaves edged in cream, white bell-shaped flowers and yellow fall color provide multiple seasons of interest.

Barrenwort (*Epimedium*) also provides seasonal color in the shade. The heart shaped leaves are tinged red and emerge with the flowers in spring. The leaves turn green for the summer and then change once again to red in fall.

Add some height to those shady areas with bugbane. The leaves are topped with white spires of flowers in summer or fall, depending on the variety selected.

The white or pink blossoms of Roger's flower brighten the early summer garden. The big, bold leaves of this moisture-loving perennial resemble those of a horse chestnut tree.

The narrow leaves of sedges and Hakone grass create a striking contrast with the bold leaves of hostas. For an even bolder statement and focal point in-

clude a few elephant ears.

Look for shade tolerant plants with a variety of leaf shapes and sizes. The differences in texture add interest to the shade garden. Repeat the leaf sizes and shapes to unify the garden. Use this same strategy to create continuity between sun and shade gardens in your landscape.

Include a variety of plant shapes. Use columnar plants to create a focal point and weeping and mounded plants for a sense of fluidity in the garden.

A lack of sun is not the only factor to consider when planning a shade garden. The density of the canopy of trees or an overhang may also limit the water that reaches and is available to the plants below. Growing dry, shade-tolerant perennials will help reduce your long-term maintenance. Barrenwort, liriopse, coral bells, foam flower, sweet woodruff and hellebores are fairly shade tolerant once established.

Make sure all new plantings are wa-

tered thoroughly and when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Proper watering the first few years will result in deep, drought tolerant root systems that will help these plants grow and flourish despite the dry shade.

When planting under or near trees, be careful not to kill the trees when creating your shade garden. Don't cut or remove surface roots, creating entryways for insects and diseases. Adding as little as an inch of soil over the roots can kill some tree species. Avoid deep cultivation which can damage the feeder roots that are critical for water and nutrient absorption since the majority grow within the top 12 inches of soil.

If there's too much shade to grow even shade-loving plants, consider mulch to protect the soil and tree roots. Add a chair for relaxing and enjoy this cool space as summer temperatures rise.



Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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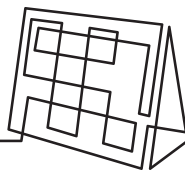
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April HBMS Meeting with Marie Antoine.

Wed., April 20, 7:30 p.m. Marie Antoine presents on lichens. hbmsnewsletter@gmail.com. www.redwoods-edu.zoom.us/j/92093197726?pwd=V3R3YnRQdTkVQkkyUnZPS2hVQzM3UT09.

Equity Arcata's Community Book Club. First Monday of every month, 4-6 p.m. Online. Alia Dunphy and Meridith Oram discuss Adrienne Marie Brown's book *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds*. On Zoom. Register online. www.equityarcata.com.

Equity Series Book Discussion Group. Thu., April 21, 3:45-4:45 p.m. and Thu., April 28, 3:45-4:45 p.m. Online. *Cultivating Genius: An Equity Framework for Culturally and Historically Responsive Literacy*. In partnership with Redwood Writing Project. Free book provided to all participants. Register online for Zoom link. www.my.hcoe.net.

LOBA Poetry Series - Open Mic. Last Thursday of every month. Online. A live virtual open mic poetry reading on Zoom on the last Thursday of each month. Open to both teens and adults. Share poems in any form or style, or just listen. Registration is required. Contact Melissa at the Ukiah Library for the Zoom link: carrm@mendocinocounty.org. Free.

On the Same Page Book Club. Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Online. Online book club that meets on the first Wednesday of the month on Zoom. Sign up using the Google form at www.forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKGqEgJKj7.

Shelter n Play. Fridays, 6 p.m. Online. Public group on Facebook made up of local musicians and music fans. Live streams, videos, events and local music links. www.facebook.com/groups/224856781967115.

Sustainable Futures Speaker Series. Thu., April 28, 5 p.m. Online. Andrea Rodgers, senior litigation attorney at Our Children's Trust, presents on children's fundamental rights, the climate crisis and the call for judicial branch engagement. schatzenergy@humboldt.edu. www.schatzcenter.org/speakers/. (707) 826-4345.

The Bartow Project. May 1-7. The Bartow

Project culminates a 3 year creative collaboration between Dell'Arte, the Wiyot Tribe, Native filmmakers, and the HSU Goudi'ni Gallery to present 4 short films to Humboldt County audiences about the art and life of Wiyot artist Rick Bartow. \$15. www.thebartowproject.com. (707) 668-5663.

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English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Online. This class offers pronunciation, speaking, reading, writing, vocabulary, verb conjugations and common expressions. All levels welcome. Join anytime. Free. www.englishexpressempowered.com.

Everyday English. Wed., April 20, 7 p.m. Online. Live, Zoom-based education and entertainment for people learning English as a second language. Led by North Coast Music Together's Jose Quezada and Heather Shelton Zoom meeting ID 852 4145 5088. www.HumboldtLiteracy.org. (707) 445-3655.

Humboldt Literacy Project's Family Fun Event with Ali Freedlund. Tue., April 19, 4-5:30 p.m. Enjoy Freedlund's original songs and stories focused on the animals and scenery of the North Coast. All ages. Get Zoom link at www.HumboldtLiteracy.org. Free. literacyhelpers@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/HumboldtLiteracyProject. (707) 445-3655.

Nordic Aquafarms Open Zoom. Wed., April 20, 12:30-1:30 p.m. and Wed., April 27, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Ask questions and discuss the proposed Nordic Aquafarms project. Zoom Meeting ID: 848 6303 0396. satkins-salazar@gmail.com. www.uso2web.zoom.us/j/84863030396.

Sistahood. Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m. Online. For women teenagers and older on Zoom, to build healthy relationships and strengthen ties through validation and affirmation. Music from 9:30 a.m., open conversation from 9:45 a.m., meditation with the Sista Prayer Warriors from 10:45 a.m.

Ujima Parent Peer Support. Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Online. For BIPOC families. See the HC Black Music and Arts Association Facebook page for more information. hcblackmusicnarts@gmail.com.

Volunteer Orientation Food for People. Mondays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 3-4 p.m. Help fight hunger and improve nutrition in the community. Visit the website to

be invited to a Zoom orientation. Free. volunteer@foodforpeople.org. www.foodforpeople.org/volunteering. (707) 445-3166 ext. 310.

Curry County

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Watercolor Meetup Group. Thursdays, 3-6 p.m. Curry County Public Library, 94341 Third St., Gold Beach. Interested in watercolor? Bring your projects and work on them with other painters. Drop in the upstairs conference room. Beginners welcome. While this is not a class, there are experienced painters in the group who can help get you started.

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Brookings-Harbor Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Brookings-Harbor Farmers Market, 15786 U.S. Highway 101, South Brookings. Produce, artisan foods, baked goods, grass-fed beef, crafts and more. Look for the big white tents. Open year-round, rain or shine.

OHA Vaccine Clinic. Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Curry County Public Library, 94341 Third St., Gold Beach. This COVID-19 vaccine event is held by the Oregon Health Authority. Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer age 5 to 11 and Moderna. No appointment needed, walk-ins welcome. For more info, go to www.currypubliclibrary.org/event/oha-community-vaccine-event.

Puzzle Exchange. First Tuesday of every month, 11 a.m.-noon. Gold Beach Community Center, 29841 Airport Way. First Tuesday of every month.

Del Norte County

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Ocean Air Farms Farm Stand. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Ocean Air Farms, 2420 Moorehead Road, Crescent City. Roadside farm stand offering homegrown organic veggies and produce.

Humboldt County

ARTS & CULTURE

A Company of Voices. Sat., April 30, 4 p.m. and Sun., May 1, 4 p.m. Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside. Two outdoor spring performances with Renaissance madrigals, American folk songs and "Caritas Abundat" by Michael John Trotta and Hildegard von Bingen with guest

violinist, Karen Davy. Benefits the company and HUUF's commitments to social justice. Masks required indoors. \$10 suggested donation (no one will be turned away). acompany-singer@gmail.com. www.companyofvoices.org.

Anthony B 420 party w/DJ Cassidy Blaze and The Wisedem Band. Wed., April 20, 9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. 21 and up. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. \$30. www.arcatatheatre.com.

Art Night at the Sanctuary. Third Thursday of every month, 4-7 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Create with others freely or work on a guided project in a consistent time slot. Bring your own supplies or use what's around to collage, paint, draw, make an art book, etc. \$5-\$20 suggested, no one turned away for lack of funds. www.sanctuaryarcata.org.

Bayside Ballads and Blues. Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Every Wednesday. Contact venue for current COVID protocols.

Cal Poly Humboldt Mad River Transit Singers Concert. Sun., April 24, 8-10 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, California Polytechnic University Humboldt, Arcata. An eclectic program of vocal jazz featuring the Mad River Transit Singers. Proof of COVID vaccination and booster required. Masks strongly encouraged. Free livestream on YouTube. \$10, \$5 child, Free for Cal Poly Humboldt students w/ID. mus@humboldt.edu. www.music.humboldt.edu/. (707) 826-3566.

CenterArts Presents: Eric Braeden. Sat., April 30, 7-8:15 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. The Emmy Award-winning actor who has portrayed Victor Newman on *The Young and the Restless* tells his personal story about rising above adversity. \$15. carts@humboldt.edu. www.centerarts.humboldt.edu/. (707) 826-3928.

Dances of Brazil. Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Learn Brazilian dances with instructors Rocío Cristal and María Vanderhorst. All levels. Limited to five people. Register online. \$15. talavera.rocio@gmail.com.

George Ruth and Rosa Pullman. Fri., April 29, 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. A night of acoustic music with George Ruth and Rosa Pullman featuring original songs and heartfelt covers. \$15.

Humboldt International Film Festival. Tue., April 19, 8:30-10 p.m., April 19-22, 6-8 p.m.,

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Wed., April 20, 6-8 p.m., Thu., April 21, 6-8 p.m. and Fri., April 22, 6-8 p.m. Minor Theatre, 1013 H St., Arcata. The 55th annual fest of short films in animation, documentary, experimental and narrative categories. Contact venue for current COVID protocols \$14. filmfest@humboldt.edu. www.hsufilm-festival.com/hiff-55. (323) 440-0501.

Jacob Joliff Band. Sat., April 30, 8 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Bluegrass. \$20, \$18.

Kenny Bowling. Fridays, 9-midnight. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Country music. Every Friday. Contact venue for current COVID protocols.

Masters of the Steel Drum. Sat., April 23, 8 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Featuring the Humboldt Calypso Band Led by Liam Teague, Avery Attzs and Jaden Teague-Nunez. \$15-\$30.

Midnight Movie: Putney Swope (1969) - A Film by Robert Downey Sr.. Sat., April 30, 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Movie about an African American advertising firm president who shakes up the industry and rattles the government. Starts at midnight. Rated R. \$8. info@arcatatheatre.com. www.tickets.vemos.io/LvzvSYm6udEnGfKIRLa/arcata-theatre-lounge-/MyPmdppG4A1wTvfsJ2k/midnight-movie-putney-swope-1969. (707) 613-3030.

Sage The Gemini. Thu., April 21, 8 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. The Bay Area native and platinum selling music producer performs. Hip hop artist Ric Wilson opens. Contact venue for cur-

rent COVID protocols. \$25, free for Cal Poly Humboldt students w/ID.

Sana, Sana: Hope and Healing for Latinx Communities in Times of Precarity. Sun., April 24, 2-4 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, California Polytechnic University Humboldt, Arcata. An original music and poetry event exploring the Latinx experience with the School of Dance, Music and Theatre, the Department of English and the *Toyon* journal. Pre-concert talk at 2 p.m. Proof of COVID vaccination and booster required for all guests on campus. Free. mus@humboldt.edu. www.music.humboldt.edu/. (707) 826-3566.

The Bartow Project. Countywide, Locations throughout Humboldt County, Humboldt. A collaboration of Dell'Arte International and the Wiyot Tribe about the life and art of Rick Bartow, featuring four short films.

The Bartow Project. Sat., April 23, 1-2 p.m. Minor Theatre, 1013 H St., Arcata. The Bartow Project culminates a 3 year creative collaboration between Dell'Arte, the Wiyot Tribe, Native filmmakers, and the HSU Goudi'ni Gallery to present 4 short films to Humboldt County audiences about the art and life of Wiyot artist Rick Bartow. \$20. www.thebartowproject.com. n/a.

Thunder Rolls - A tribute to Garth Brooks. Fri., April 22, 9 p.m.-midnight. Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. Chad Bushnell plays iconic Brooks songs in the Tish non Ballroom. Ages 21+, seating limited. \$10. www.fb.me/e/2OULFhyos.

Trinidad Art Nights. Last Saturday of every month, 6-9 p.m. Trinidad, Downtown. A town-wide event including venues, galleries, wine tasting, outdoor music, live art, fire dancing, kids activities and various performances throughout the night. Free.

Troy Connors. Sun., May 1, 8-11 p.m. Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. Troy Connors plays acoustic country. Free. fb.me/e/2WDkUQgKi.

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

420 Smoke Off Community BBQ and Picnic. Wed., April 20, 12-10 p.m. Mateel Community Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway. Smoked and grilled meats, vegetables and seafood and sides. Craft beer and wine available for purchase. Music from the Garberville Town Band, Irie Rockerz, Feral Selector and Intergalactic Trash. All ages. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. Free. www.mateel.org.

Arcata Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2

p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. The North Coast Growers' Association Farmers' Market features fresh vegetables and fruit from local producers, food vendors, meats, plant starts and flowers every week.

Avenue of the Giants Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K. Sun., May 1, 7:30 a.m. Humboldt Redwoods State Park, 17119 Avenue of Giants, Weott. The 50th annual race through old growth redwoods on a paved road that winds gently up hill but is mostly a flat. The course is certified and the marathon is a Boston Qualifying event. www.runsignup.com/Race/CA/Arcata/TheAve.

Birding & Biking the Arcata Bottoms. Sun., April 24, 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Bottoms V Street Loop, 3711-3001 Old Samoa Road. Redwood Region Audubon Society invites you to bring bikes and binoculars to join Cal Poly Humboldt ornithology lecturer Sean Mahoney navigating the flat roads, and viewing grassland species, including blackbirds, egrets, herons, kites and hawks. Sign up via email. Free. sean.mahoney@humboldt.edu. www.rras.org/home.aspx.

City of Fortuna State of the City Breakfast. Thu., April 28. Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. \$25.

CNPS Spring Native Plant Sale. Sat., April 30 and Sun., May 1. Freshwater Farms Reserve, 5851 Myrtle Ave., Eureka. Sign up online for a time slot to attend to shop CNPS-grown plants and other local native plant growers. Checks or cash preferred. Bring your own box for transport. Follow current county Health Department COVID-19 guidelines. www.northcoastcnps.org.

CNPS Spring Wildflower Show. Fri., April 29, 2-5 p.m. and April 30-May 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. Hundreds of flowers with botanists on hand to ID your mystery wild plants, as well as information on invasive plants and touring native plant gardens on site. Follow current guidelines of the county Health Department concerning COVID-19. www.northcoastcnps.org.

College of the Redwoods Plant Sale. Fri., April 22, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sat., April 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. College of the Redwoods, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka. The agriculture program sells flowers, vegetables, herbs, houseplants, apple trees and more propagated by greenhouse staff and students. Proceeds go to the greenhouse foundation fund. Admission is free. silas-sarvinski@redwoods.edu. fb.me/e/1sFCGcbvW. 7074764361.

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Crab Feed & Silent Auction Fundraiser. Fri., April 22, 5-9 p.m. Gyppo Ale Mill, 1661 Upper Pacific Drive, Shelter Cove. Enjoy a crab feed and silent auction fundraiser to benefit Shelter Cove Fishing Preservations. Live music by The Breakers. \$75 ea. Tickets available at the Shelter Cove Fire Department office. www.gyppo.com.

Drop-In Volunteer Day. Thu., April 28, 1-4 p.m. Bayside Park Farm, 930 Old Arcata Road, Arcata. Get a taste of a farmer's work growing vegetables, herbs and flowers. Come prepared for sunshine, cold, wet and working in the dirt. Bring a water bottle, snacks, closed toe shoes, long pants, sleeves and a sun hat. Free. baysideparkfarm@cityofarcata.org. www.cityofarcata.org/440/Bayside-Park-Farm. (707) 822-8184.

Earth Day BBQ Fundraiser. Sat., April 23, 1-4 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. Presented by River Life Foundation. BBQ meat sponsored by Humboldt Grass Fed Beef. Silent auction and 50/50 raffle. \$10.

Earth Day Celebration. Sat., April 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Farmers Market (off the plaza), Eighth and I streets. On the southwest corner of the plaza. An art project for children, postcard writing to senators and information about saving the planet. gailmail@reninet.com. (707) 443-6943.

Earth Day Event. Sat., April 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Environmental organizations like Sierra Club, 350 Humboldt and the Climate Action Campaign present a compost demonstration, art projects and more. jacobdan@suddenlink.net. 707-499-2725.

Earth Day Stewardship Celebration. Sat., April 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Mal Coombs Park, King Range National Conservation Area, Shelter Cove. Join Friends of the Lost Coast and BLM King Range to remove invasive species and spread native seeds at Mal Coombs Park, Abalone Point and Black Sands Beach, and free lunch and merriment for volunteers. Meet 10a.m. at Mal Coombs Park to sign in and break into teams. Free. info@lostcoast.org. www.lostcoast.org/event/earth-day/.

Earth Day Sunset Stewardship. Fri., April 22, 5-7:30 p.m. Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, 380 Janis Court. Join the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust and Mother Earth Engineering to remove ivy from a high slope overlooking Little River and Clam Beach, the future home of the Little River Trail. Register by phone or email. zoe@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org. www.trinidadcoastallandtrust.org.

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Fieldbrook Spring Craft Fair. Sat., April 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fieldbrook Community Hall, Fieldbrook Road.

Fortuna Mother's Day Charm Walk. April 29-May 7. Fortuna Main Street, Main Street. Purchase a map and a bracelet for \$25 each. Participating businesses will be featured on the map and provided with charms to hand out to visitors who have a map. Once participants have visited all the businesses on the map, they will have a completed charm bracelet. Participants will also be entered into a drawing for donated prizes.

Garden Open House/Seed Exchange. Wed., April 27. Dream Quest, 100 Country Club Drive, Willow Creek. With herbal teas and free ice cream. www.dreamquestwillowcreek.org.

Guided Birding Field Trip w/ Drew Meyer. Sat., April 30, 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Meet leader Meyer at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) to view shorebirds and other birds en route to breeding grounds and exhibiting seasonal behaviors. Bring binoculars and plan on walking 2 miles. RSVP by email. Free. thebook@reninet.com. www.rras.org/home.aspx. (707) 499-1247.

Guided Birding Field Trip w/Kathryn Wendel. Sat., April 23, 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Meet Redwood Region Audubon Society field trip leader Wendel at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) to see shorebirds and terrestrial species during mating season. Bring your binoculars and plan on walking 2 miles. RSVP by email. Free. thebook@reninet.com. www.rras.org/home.aspx. (707) 499-1247.

Guided Walk at Founders Grove with Nature Guide Griff. Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon. Humboldt Redwoods State Park, 17119 Avenue of Giants, Weott. The Founders Grove loop trail is less than a half-mile long and is ADA accessible. There will be frequent stops to discuss the redwoods, the history of the land and the wildlife. Free. John.griffith@parks.ca.gov. www.humboldtredwoods.org.

Headwaters Bird Walk. Sat., April 30, 8:30-11 a.m. Headwaters Forest Reserve, End of Elk River Road, 6 miles off U.S. Highway 101, Eureka. Join wildlife biologist and bird expert Ken Burton on a mile-long walk on the Elk River Trail identifying birds by sight and sound. Free. BLM_CA_Web_HW@blm.gov.

www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/california/headwaters-forest-reserve. (707) 825-2300.

Healy Senior Center Annual Yard Sale. Fri., April 29. Redway Elementary, 344 Humboldt Ave. Find treasures galore and help support the Healy Senior Center.

Humboldt Flea Market. First Sunday of every month, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. New location. Masks and safe social distancing required. Browse antiques, collectibles, tools, records, clothes, crafts, pies, jams and more. \$2, free for anyone under the age of 13.

Humboldt Grace Presents: Mixing With Comedy. Wed., April 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge, 139 Second St., Eureka. Join Savage Henry's Jessica Grant raising funds for the Humboldt Grace Fire Recovery Project. Drawing for a generator and water tank. Free. lele@humboldtgrace.org. www.humboldtgrace.org/fire-recovery/. (707) 407-0634.

Humboldt Grange Breakfast. Fourth Saturday of every month, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Humboldt Grange Hall, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Home style breakfast served buffet style. www.facebook.com/humboldt.grange. (707) 442-4890.

Humboldt Hootenanny. Wed., April 20, 2-7 p.m. The Redwood Riverwalk Hotel, 1859 Alamar Way, Fortuna. A celebration of local culture with music, food, scavenger hunt, raffle and more.

Humboldt Road Show. April 30-May 1. Humboldt Grange Hall, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. www.facebook.com/humboldt.grange.

Humboldt Sponsors BBQ Chicken Dinner Drive-thru Fundraiser. Wed., April 20, 4:30-6 p.m. Faith Center Foursquare Church, 1032 Bay St., Eureka. Dinner includes barbecue chicken, macaroni salad, beans, roll and dessert. Must have pre-ordered by April 10. A benefit for the children of Humboldt County. \$25. humboldtsponsors@gmail.com. (707) 845-5714.

Humboldt Wine Festival. Sat., April 30, 3-6 p.m. Baywood Golf & Country Club, 3600 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata. The Rotary Club of Arcata Noon and Baywood Golf & Country Club host. Meet local wine makers from Humboldt and Trinity counties, enjoy unlimited tastings and dine on locally sourced treats. \$55, \$50 presale. humboldtwinefest.com

gmail.com.www.humboldtwinefest.com/. 707-840-4689.

Inked Hearts Tattoo Expo - Heart of the Dragon. April 21-24. Blue Lake Casino & Hotel, 777 Casino Way. Tattooing, art, music and contests daily. Presented by Nor Cal Tattoo and Blue Lake Casino. \$15-\$35.

Interpreter Guided Redwood Forest Hike. Fridays, Saturdays, 2-3 p.m. Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park Visitors Center, Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway, Orick. Join park interpreters for a guided hike through the old growth redwood forest. Rain cancels. Check the California State Parks North Coast Redwoods Facebook page for updates/cancellations. Free.

Lost Coast Trail Stewards Work Day - Pacific Rim Trail part 2. Sun., April 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. King Range National Conservation Area, 768 Shelter Cove Road, Whitethorn. Trail raking, water bars and clearing of downed trees with provided tools on Pacific Rim Trail. Meet at Pacific Rim Trailhead, on Shelter Cove Road, approximately 2/10 mile east of Chemise Mountain Road. Bring your own snacks, water and gloves. Email RSVP. Free. justin@lostcoast.org. www.lostcoast.org/event/lost-coast-trail-stewards-work-day-pacific-rim-trail-part-2/.

Maker's Market. Sat., April 23, 12-6 p.m. Papa & Barkley Social, 4325 Broadway, Eureka. Local makers and partner farms talk about and sell their products. Pig & Leaf food truck will be open. 21+. retail@humboldt-social.com. www.papaandbarkleysocial.com/events. (707) 382-2944.

Maker's Market. Sat., April 30, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Scotia Lodge, 100 Main St. The banquet hall and lobby hosts local makers for your shopping pleasure in time for Mother's Day. Main + Mill will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. retail@humboldt-social.com. www.scotia-lodge.com/. (707) 298-7139.

McKinleyville Multimodal Connections. Thu., April 28, 6-7 p.m. Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Road, McKinleyville. Learn more about plans for safe walking and bicycling connectivity between McKinleyville and destinations to the south around Humboldt Bay and provide feedback on potential designs. Spanish-English interpretation provided upon request. Zoom link available. www.humboldt.gov.org/2912/McKinleyville-Multimodal-Connections-Pro.

Papaya Lounge Rumble Royale Septentrio Winery Takeover. Fri., April 22, 7-10 p.m. and Sat., April 23, 7-10 p.m. Septentrio Tasting

Room, 650 Sixth St., Arcata. Sip wine or signature cocktails and enjoy the show hosted by Velvet Q Jones, Nancy Schwartz, Musty Beaver and Papaya's house band, the Enthusiastic Consents. Doors open at 5 p.m. \$30. papayaloungeproductions@gmail.com. www.papayalounge.com.

Plant Sale. Fri., April 22, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sat., April 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. College of the Redwoods, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka. A wide selection of plants grown by CR students and staff available for sale at the 33rd annual event.

Poetry, Music & Art in the Park. Sun., April 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Stewart Park, Arcata, Arcata. Celebrate life and togetherness with the Sanctuary community as they host a day of music, poetry and art making in the park. Bring your sketchbook and join in the arting. Rain brings it into the Sanctuary.

Rhododendron 100. Sat., April 30. Redwood Acres Raceway, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. Season-opening event featuring a 100-lap race for the late models. Legends, bombers, mini stocks and roadrunners will also race. www.racintheacres.com.

Rhododendron Parade. Sat., April 30, 10 a.m. Henderson Center, Henderson near F Street, Eureka. Find a spot and watch classic cars, floats, horses, tractors, bands and more all decorated with pink and red blooms as they make their way east on Seventh Street, south on H Street and west on Henderson Street. Free.

Save the Races. Sat., April 30, 5:30 p.m. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. Live auction, dinner and live music benefiting Humboldt County Horse Racing. Purchase tickets by April 22 at the Palace or Fair Office. 21 and up. \$75 each or \$600 table of eight. 707-786-9511.

Splendid Spring May Day Celebration. Sun., May 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Live music, May pole, art market, Butterfly Parade in honor of Jenn Mariposa Garcia, food booths, performances and more. Hosted by Shoshanna.

Stewardship Work Days. Fri., April 22, 9 a.m.-noon. Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, 380 Janis Court. Celebrate spring with the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust by helping remove invasive plant species from our coastline and maintain safe and reliable public trails. Email to sign up. zoe@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org. www.trinidadcoastallandtrust.org.

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Sumeg Village Tour. Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sue-meg State Park, 4150 Patrick's Point Drive, Trinidad. Join us for a free interpretive tour of Sumeg Village within Sue-meg State Park. Rain cancels. Please check "California State Parks North Coast Redwoods" Facebook page for updates/cancelations. Free.

Tim McKay Birdathon. April 29-May 7. Various, Humboldt County. Many. Northcoast Environmental Center and Redwood Region Audubon Society host the seventh annual fundraising event. Go birding for a day between April 30 and May 7, record your species and ask your friends to contribute a nickel or more per species. www.yournec.org/birdathon. (707) 822-6918.

Trivia Night. Every other Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. The Madrone Taphouse, 421 Third St., Eureka. Reel Genius Trivia hosts. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. Free. www.reelgeniustrivia.com.

Trivia Night. Fri., April 22, 5-7 p.m. Papa & Barkley Social, 4325 Broadway, Eureka. General trivia with prizes. 21 and up event. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. Free. retail@humboldt-social.com. www.papaandbarkleysocial.com/events.

Trivia Night. Thu., April 21, 6-8 p.m. Scotia Lodge, 100 Main St. Scotia Lodge is partnering with Reel Genius Trivia for a fun trivia night with prizes. Free. hello@humboldt-social.com. www.scotia-lodge.squarespace.com/events-calendar/.

Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Workday. Sat., April 23, 9-11 a.m. Wigi Wetlands, Behind the Bayshore Mall, Eureka. Join Redwood Region Audubon Society help create bird-friendly native habitat and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash behind the Bayshore Mall. Meet in the parking lot directly behind Walmart. Tools and packaged snacks provided. Please bring your own water, gloves and face mask. Email RSVP. Free. jeremy.cashen@yahoo.com. www.rras.org/home.aspx. (214) 605-7368.

Trinity County

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Cannabis Technical Assistance Workshop. Thu., April 28, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Historic Downtown Weaverville, Weaverville. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is holding a cannabis technical assistance workshop at the Trinity County Public Utilities District in the Community

Room. This pop-up technical workshop is ideal for new and legacy farmers as well as cannabis consultants. CDFW's cannabis permitting, engineering and grant staff will be available to discuss project specific technical questions, notification package assistance, compliance questions and cannabis grant program opportunities. Meetings can be scheduled by emailing askcannabis@wildlife.ca.gov. Please be sure to include "Technical Pop-Up" in the subject line of the email and include your preferred time and topic in the message. No walk-ins will be allowed.

Mendocino County

ARTS & CULTURE

Mendocino Community Jam. First Sunday of every month, 3-5 p.m. Community Center of Mendocino, 998 School St. A gathering of people who enjoy creating music with others. We'll go around the circle and when it's your turn, you can lead a song, choose a song and ask others to lead it, or pass. Feel free to bring songs to share. The *Rise Up Singing* books are full of good songs. Instruments welcome. Free.

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Fort Bragg Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 2-4:30 p.m. Fort Bragg Farmers Market, N Franklin St. & E Laurel St. Seasonal fruits, vegetables, organic and free range beef and pork and eggs, wild-caught local fish and seafood, artisan goat cheese, sweets, breads, flowers and plants. Plus, hot food, live music.

Historic Walking Tours of Mendocino.

Saturdays, Sundays. Guest House Museum, 343 N Main St., Fort Bragg. Join local history experts on a two-hour walk through Mendocino's famous Historic District. Book via email. Face coverings required. Well-behaved dogs allowed but must remain outside at some stops. \$50 for up to four people, \$75 for party of six. tours@KelleyHouseMuseum.org.

Ukiah Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon. Alex Thomas Plaza, School and Clay streets, Ukiah.

Lake County

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Lakeport Farmers Market. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin St., Lakeport. Rain or shine.



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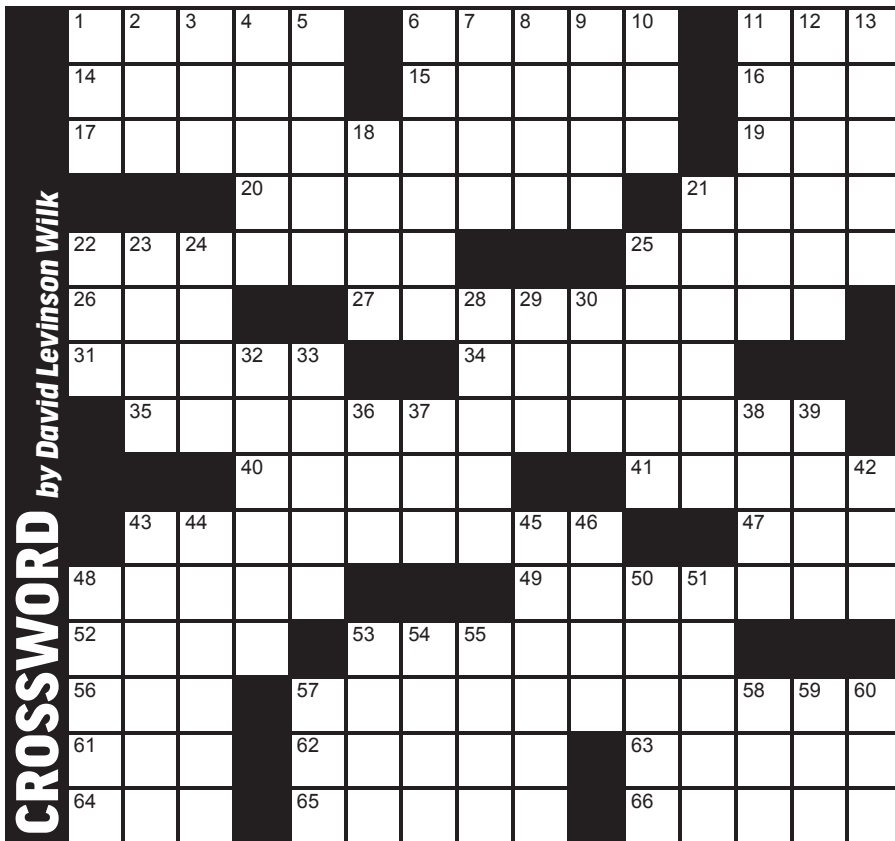
"And speaking of stars, how'd you like to help a grungy ol' cowboy camp cook be a star? Thass right, and you can do that by writing to the head dude at Clean Bridge University over in England, and tell him ol' Windy ought to have him a honorary college degree. Why, if enough a-you do that, I'll betcha I get a call to whup on over there and have a crumpet with the Queen. Doncha think?

"And that there crumpet might not taste a whole lot like them rolled-up crab thin-gies that Del Chin has down at the Gates a-Heaven Chinese Joint here in town, but it's prolly the best them English guys can do. They oughta come over and spend some time learnin' that good Chinese cookin' stuff from Del Chin. And clean? Hey, you can eat off the plates in that place!"

A few hours later, Windy dropped the car off at the restaurant and Del Chin called him to one side and handed him an envelope with cash in it. "Windy, your commercials certainly please our advertisers, and they want to pay us. So here's your half."

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ACROSS

1. A stripper takes it off
6. Conspiring group
11. Weirdo
14. "You're preaching to the choir!"
15. Actors Sharif and Epps
16. Sorbonne one
17. Structure for someone who is out of breath?
19. E-file preparer
20. The tiniest bit
21. Chowder ingredient
22. Barely eats
25. Noted preschool sequence
26. Screening org.
27. Police action that recovers stolen toilets?
31. Wanted poster word
34. Ones holding their horses?
35. Command from Dick and Jane to their distracted dog?
40. Prime Minister between Netanyahu and Sharon
41. Newspaper publishers hate running them
43. Bridge inspection?
47. LP's 33 1/3, e.g.
48. University in Medford, Massachusetts
49. Response to "Who, me?"
52. Kate Winslet's title character in a 2001 film
53. ___-cat
56. "___ who?!"
57. Cookware featured (in a

- way) in this puzzle
61. Prepare to plant, perhaps
62. Senator Hatch
63. Quarterback who, in 2007, became the first college sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy
64. Chad hangs there: Abbr.
65. Sauce made with pine nuts
66. Provide an address?

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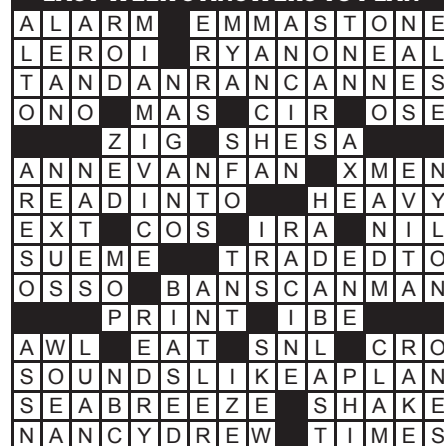
1. "Great Expectations" boy
2. Wanted poster letters
3. Quaint lodging
4. Unacceptable
5. Major League team that has won the World Series two times, appropriately
6. Literally, "I think"
7. "I ___ proud of you!"
8. Bangkok currency
9. Locale
10. You can trip on it
11. Atomic centers
12. Like volunteer work
13. Dos little words?
18. Kind of tide
21. Valerie Plame was one for 18 years
22. Mom-and-pop org.
23. Tierra surrounded by agua
24. "I Am ___" (2015 reality TV debut)
25. Young's partner in accounting
28. Tot's wheels

29. Formula One driver ___ Fabi
30. Yang's go-with
32. Opportunities to swing
33. Hannity and Penn
36. Atomic energy org.
37. 1995 Eazy-E hit "Just ___ Let U Know"
38. Grand Ole ___
39. "___ the mornin'!"
42. Church-founded Dallas sch.
43. Certain about
44. Pharmaceutical giant whose products range from Advil to Zolof

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45. Storied duelist with a large nose
46. Sharp
48. Campbell of "Martin"
50. Increase
51. On a sugar high, say
53. Nursing a grudge
54. Some basketball players: Abbr.
55. "___ turns out..."
57. Uncorking noise
58. Attorney's org.
59. "Fat chance!"
60. "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" setting: Abbr.

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